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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

CHINA.

Reports from Hongkong—Inspection of vessels—Plague and cholera.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1902.

Week ended September 27. Nine vessels inspected, 667 individuals bathed at the disinfecting station, and 699 pieces of baggage disinfected. Three rejections during the week from all causes. The only communicable disease reported in the colony during the week was cholera, 3 cases and 2 deaths having occurred (all Chinese). The last case of plague was reported September 8, and it is safe to say that the epidemic has subsided for this year.

JOHN W. KERR,
Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

OCTOBER 7, 1902.

Week ended October 4, 1902. Five vessels inspected, 180 individuals bathed at the disinfecting station, and 175 bundles of clothing and bedding disinfected by steam. The health conditions of this colony continue to improve. Two cases of cholera and 2 deaths were reported during the week, making a total of 464 cases and 400 deaths since the outbreak of the disease. Two cases of diphtheria (Europeans) were also reported, being the only other communicable disease reported in the colony during the week.

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EGYPT.

Status of cholera.

Vice Consul-General H. T. Smith reports from Cairo under date of October 7, 1902, as follows:

I have the honor to confirm the following telegram regarding the cholera epidemic in Egypt:

CAIRO, October 4, 1902.

SECRETARY OF STATE, Washington:

Since 28th September 2,114 cases cholera—all Egypt; 2,136 deaths. Conditions continue to improve rapidly.

SMITH.

Each succeeding daily bulletin received from the sanitary department shows a rapid decrease in the number of new cases and deaths. Up to yesterday, at noon, there have been in all Egypt since the date of the outbreak (July 15, 1902) 37,358 cases of cholera, 31,693 deaths, and 5,331 cases cured. Cairo is now practically free; 1 new case was discovered yesterday, 1 death occurred, and 7 cases are under treatment.

The following bulletin will show the number of cases in the cities and provinces for the week ended October 4, 1902:

Egypt.	New cases.	Deaths.	Cures.	Egypt.	New cases.	Deaths.	Cures.
Cities:							
Cairo.....	6	9	12	Provinces— <i>Cont'd.</i>	68	165	42
Alexandria.....	45	120	39	Dakalieh.....	107	158	56
Port Said.....	1	1	.....	Galioubieh.....	12	86	33
Damietta.....	15	54	22	Menoufieh.....	29	86	18
Suez.....	6	15	8	Ghizeh.....	28	54	42
I-mailia.....	.....	.....	1	Fayoun.....	35	111	21
El Arish.....	8	10	7	Minieh.....	11	31	18
Provinces:							
Garbieh.....	94	250	100	Assiout.....	90	211	60
Behera.....	41	150	40	Chirguch.....	181	248	63
Charkieh.....	40	84	73	Keneh.....	111	224	7

October 25, 1902, the following cablegram was received from the vice consul-general:

Since 18th 509 cases cholera, 453 deaths—all Egypt.

The ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

GERMANY.

Annual mortality from pulmonary phthisis in Europe.

BERLIN, GERMANY, October 15, 1902.

SIR: Apropos of the conference which, as stated in my report of September 18, will be held in Berlin under the auspices of the international central bureau for combating tuberculosis, in the great hall of the Reichstag on October 22 to October 26, the following statistics published by the imperial health office will be of interest:

Annual mortality in the various countries of Europe from pulmonary phthisis alone.

Russia, more than 4,000 deaths per 1,000,000 population; Austria, Hungary, and France, more than 3,000 deaths per 1,000,000 population; Sweden, Germany, Switzerland, and Ireland, more than 2,000 deaths per 1,000,000 population; Netherlands, Italy, Belgium, Norway, Scotland, and England, more than 1,000 deaths per 1,000,000 population.

Respectfully,

FRANK H. MASON,
United States Consul-General.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

Report from Berlin—Plague and cholera in various countries.

BERLIN, GERMANY, October 17, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the latest information concerning plague and cholera, obtained from the imperial health office (Kaiserliches-Gesundheitsamt) at Berlin:

Plague.

RUSSIA.—During the period from September 24 to September 29, 6 cases of plague and 3 deaths were registered in Odessa. A general medical inspection of the inhabitants of the infected districts is continuously being made. Up to September 12 about 2,000 dwellings and 13,000